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KUALA LUMPUR PORT MORESBY SINGAPORE WELLINGTON CINCPAC JUL  
25, 1978

QUOTE: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE CANBERRA 5840

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PEPR, ID, AS

SUBJECT: ALLEGED INDONESIAN USE OF US MILITARY EQUIPMENT IN TIMOR

REF: STATE 156112

1. MELBOURNE NEWSPAPER "THE AGE" HAS PUBLISHED A FRETILIN  
REPORT WHICH ALLEGES THAT ROCKWELL INTERNATIONAL HAS  
PUBLISHED ADVERTISEMENTS IN LEADING AVIATION MAGAZINES  
WITH A HEADLINED TEXT "THE BRONCO WORKHORSE: ASK TIMOR  
ABOUT IT" THE PICTURE IN THE AD SHOWS THE OV-10 RELEASING  
A ROCKET AGAINST A GROUND TARGET. "THE AGE" ARTICLE NOTES  
THAT THE BRONCO IS A COUNTER-INSURGENCY PLANE WHICH  
INDONESIA IS ALSO ALLEGED TO BE USING AGAINST THE INDE-  
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PENDENCE MOVEMENT ON THE IRIAN JAYA BORDER. ACCORDING TO  
THE "AGE" REPORTER FRETILIN REPRESENTATIVE CLAIMS THAT  
AD APPEARED IN "AVIATION WEEK AND SPACE TECHNOLOGY",  
"INTER-AVIA" (GENEVA) AND "KOMMENTAR" (SWEDEN). "AGE"  
ADMITS FRETILIN REPORT IS UNVERIFIED; WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE  
TO LOCATE AD IN QUESTION.

2. WE HAVE ANSWERED PRESS QUERIES USING GUIDANCE PROVIDED

REFTEL. ALSTON

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